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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

25X1A

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5 freight cars, 24 flat cars w/20 armored vehicles 25X1C

25X1C 5 freight cars, 25 flat cars w/24 armored cars

25X1C 6 freight cars, 22 flat cars w/21 armored vehicles 25X1C

14 freight cars, 30 flat cars w/armored vehicles and 2 light reconnaissance cars.

6 freight cars, 24 flat cars w/ten T-34 tanks, 5 light reconnaissance cars 25X1C

8 May - 7 freight cars, 22 flat cars w/six light reconnaissance cars, 25X1C

25X1C 14 freight cars, 22 flat cars w/10 assault guns, vehicles in

25X1C 9 freight cars, 24 flat cars w/8 rocket launchers, vehicles

25X1C 11 freight cars, 23 flat cars w/40-50 motorcycles and vehicles

2. Kindl Area 9-11 May

a. Strength: approximately 30,000 men, most of them aged 21-23.

b. Troops are billeted in wooden barracks in the woods two kilometers west and three kilometers south of Wolfsbehringen (H97). Reichsstrasse 84. Eisenach to Langensalza (H76-J08) and the Ettenhausen-Wolfsbehringen road (H75-97), both running through this area, were closed to civilian traffic on 9 May. Some troops are using tents. Some barracks are being built.

c. On 10 and 11 May there was heavy passenger car traffic to the wooded area south of Wolfsbehringen. 25X1C

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e. No unit composed entirely of recruits were observed. 25X1A
is that each company contains 20-30% older men who are acting as recruit instructors.

3. Wipperoda (J05), 11-13 May

a. Occupation of the forest camp east of Wipperoda, begun 2-3 May, was completed on 9 May. Strength: 6,000-8,000, all AT troops. *

b. Parking spaces contained forty-eight 76.2 mm AT guns (FK/PAK 42); eighteen 100 mm AT guns (heavy PAK 44); seven 57 mm AT guns (PAK 41). Half-tracks were attached to each 100 mm gun. Approximately 150 trucks were seen, chiefly Studebaker types, with some Russian Fords. Vehicle 25X1C

c. No large scale exercises were observed. A few troops were training with 76.2 mm guns.

4. Grawinkel (J14), 16-18 May

a. Strength: 10,000-12,000 men wearing black caps/red piping minus arms insignia, though some Guards insignia and war decorations were noted. ** 25X1C

b. Parked vehicles 25X1C Also, approximately fifty tanks and fifty assault guns; most were covered. 25X1X counted four T-34/85, seven JS-3, and seven SU-85. Adjoining the parking space is a fuel dump where 100 fuel drums, each 200 liters, were counted.

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d. Eight sheds containing tank ammunition are located left of the Cravinkel-Chrduruf road between the highway and the railroad.

e. No training took place on observation dates. Troops were in process of settling into their billets.

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* [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] the advance party at Wipperoda as consisting of 2,500 tank and artillery troops.

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** [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] some 8,000 men can be accommodated in the wooded area northwest of Cravinkel.

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